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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.116

This is in response to the office action dated April 27, 1999. A three month extension accompanies this response resetting the due date to October 27. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

(Amended) 20. A composition for the formation and/or maintenance of chondrocyte and/or cartilaginous tissue in a patient in need of same comprising a therapeutic amount of the human SDF-5 protein according to claim 19.

(Amended) 28. The [A] pharmaceutical composition of claim 20 further comprising [the purified human SDF-5 protein of claim 19 and] a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.